

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 52 public bills, H.R. 6, 1037–1087; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 38 and H. Con. Res. 64–66, were introduced. **Page H952–55**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Richard P. Camp, Jr., Executive Director of A Christian Ministry in the National Parks and formerly, Chaplain, U.S. Military Academy, West Point. **Page H931**

Small Business Paperwork Relief Act: The House passed H.R. 327, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements and to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses by a yeas and nays vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 50. **Pages H932–42**

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Page H942**

H. Res. 89, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, the Ose amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record of March 13 and numbered 1, was considered as an original bill. **Pages H931–32**

Legislative Program: Majority Leader Armey discussed the legislative program for the week of March 19. **Pages H942–43**

Meeting Hour—Monday, March 19: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meeting on Monday, March 19 at 2 p.m. in pro forma session. **Page H943**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, March 20: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 19, it adjourn to meeting on Tuesday, March 20 at 12:30 p.m. for morning-hour debate. **Page H943**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 21. **Page H943**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeas and nays vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on page H942. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FARM COMMODITY PROGRAMS; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Agriculture: Continued hearings on federal farm commodity programs, with the Wheat industry. Testimony was heard from Dusty Tallman, President, National Association of Wheat Growers.

Hearings continue March 21.

The Committee approved Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2002 for submission to the Committee on the Budget and also considered other pending Committee business.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Worldwide Threat. Testimony was heard from George Tenet, Director, CIA and Vice Adm. Thomas Wilson, USN, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

The Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Southern Command. Testimony was heard from Gen. Peter Pace, USA, Commander in Chief, Southern Command, Department of Defense.

LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 20.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Military Construction: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Historic Properties. Testimony was heard from Henry L. Hinton, Assistant Comptroller, Office of Information Management and Communications, GAO, and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Major Gen. R.L. Van Antwerp, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff, Installation Management; Rear Adm. Michael R. Johnson, CEC, USN, Commander, Naval

Facilities Engineering Command; Major Gen. Earnest Robbins, USAF, Air Force Civil Engineer; and Brig. Gen. Michael R. Lehnert, USMC, Assistant Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics (Facilities).

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Airline Delays. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Jane Garvey, Administrator, FAA; and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, and public witnesses.

STATE DEPARTMENT BUDGET PRIORITIES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Department of State Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2002. Testimony was heard from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State; and the following officials of the U.S. Commission on National Security/21st Century: Warren B. Rudman, Co-Chairman; and Lee H. Hamilton, member.

IMPROVING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing on Improving Student Achievement Through Technology. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN FAMILIES—SMARTER HEALTH CARE PARTNERSHIP

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled: "A Smarter Health Care Partnership for American Families: Making Federal and State Roles in Managed Care Regulation and Liability Work for Accountable and Affordable Health Care Coverage." Testimony was heard from Angela Monson, Senator, State of Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

DIGITAL TV

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on Digital Television: A Private Sector Perspective on the Transition. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VULNERABILITIES TO WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on Vulnerabilities

to Waste, Fraud, and Abuse: Inspectors General Views on Defense and National Security Programs and on Inspectors General Views on International Relations and Trade Programs. Testimony was heard from Robert J. Lieberman, Acting Inspector General, Department of Defense; Gregory Friedman, Inspector General, Department of Energy; Richard J. Griffin, Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Roberta L. Gross, Inspector General, NASA; Richard L. Skinner, Deputy Inspector General, FEMA; the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador Anne M. Sigmund, Acting Inspector General; and Everett L. Mosley, Inspector General, AID; Dev Jagadesan, Acting Inspector General, U.S. International Trade Commission; and Charles D. Smith, Inspector General, Peace Corps.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Human Rights in Northern Ireland: Promises Kept or Promises Broken? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 503, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATURAL GAS SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on Domestic Natural Gas Supply and Demand: the Contribution to Public Lands and the OCS. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 643, African Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001; H.R. 645, Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001; and H.R. 700, Asian Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from Marshall Jones, Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

BROWNFIELDS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

held a hearing on Brownfields: Lessons from the Field. Testimony was heard from Mayor Patrick L. McCrory, Mayor, Charlotte, North Carolina; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' OPPORTUNITIES ACT; VETERANS HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits held a hearing on the following: H.R. 801, Veterans' Opportunities Act of 2001; and on VA's implementation of veterans transitional housing assistance. Testimony was heard from Senator Warner; Representatives Pascrell, Doyle and Jo Ann Davis; Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health continued hearings on Medicare Reform, focusing on Bringing Regulatory Relief to Beneficiaries and Providers. Testimony was heard from George F. Grob, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Evaluation and Inspections, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Welfare Reform. Testimony was heard from Cynthia M. Fagnoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Health and Human Services Division, GAO; Christine Devere, Analyst, Social Legislation, Domestic Social Policy Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2001

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of March 19 through March 24, 2001

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will begin consideration of S. 27, Campaign Finance Reform.

During the remainder of the week, Senate will continue consideration of S. 27, Campaign Finance Reform, and any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 22, to hold hearings to review the Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Appropriations: March 21, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine issues surrounding the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: March 19, Subcommittee on Strategic, to hold hearings to examine the fiscal year 2000 report to assess the reliability, safety, and security of the United States nuclear stockpile, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 20, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the readiness impact of range encroachment issues, including endangered species and critical habitats; sustainment of the maritime environment; airspace management; urban sprawl; air pollution; unexploded ordinance; and noise, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

March 21, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on installation readiness, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

March 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on military strategy and operational requirements, to be followed by closed hearings (in Room SR-222), 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 19, Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine the current state of Department of Housing and Urban Development's Federal Housing Administration Insurance Fund, 1 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 21, to hold oversight hearings to review current United States energy trends and recent changes in U.S. energy markets, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

March 21, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold oversight hearings on the Klamath Project in Oregon, including implementation of P.L. 106-498 and how the project might operate in what is projected to be a short water year, 2 p.m., SD-628.

March 22, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold oversight hearings to review the National Park Service's implementation of